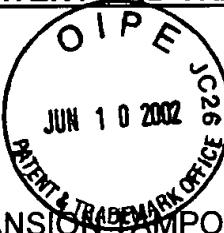


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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on March 6, 2002 for the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph at page 4, line 8 of the specification:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Fig. 1 is a side view of a bell-shaped tampon pledge according to the present invention.--